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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Statistical Commission held its forty-ninth session at United Nations Headquarters from 6 to 9 March 2018. The Commission held ___ meetings.

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by the representatives of the 23 States members of the Commission.[1] Also in attendance were observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-Member States, representatives of United Nations system organizations and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.3/2018/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. At its 1st meeting, on 6 March, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chair:
Zachary Mwangi Chege (Kenya)

Vice-Chairs:
Masato Aida (Japan)
Tudorel Andrei (Romania)
Julio Alfonso Santaella Castell (Mexico)

[1] The Economic and Social Council decided to postpone the election of one member from the African States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2018.

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D. Agenda and organization of work

4. At its 1st meeting, on 6 March, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda, as contained in document E/CN.3/2018/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Items for discussion and decision:
   (a) Data and indicators for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;
   (b) Handbook of Statistical Organization;
   (c) Open data;
   (d) Household surveys;
   (e) Big data for official statistics;
   (f) Regional statistical development;
   (g) National accounts;
   (h) Environmental-economic accounting;
   (i) Statistics for economies based on natural resources;
   (j) Agricultural and rural statistics;
   (k) Climate change statistics;
   (l) Statistical classifications;
   (m) Refugee statistics;
   (n) Disability statistics;
   (o) Work and employment statistics;
   (p) Ageing-related statistics and age-disaggregated data;
   (q) Working methods of the Statistical Commission.
4. Items for information:
   (a) Demographic statistics;
   (b) Gender statistics;
   (c) Poverty statistics;
   (d) Energy statistics;
   (e) Service statistics;
   (f) Information and communications technology statistics;
   (g) International Comparison Programme and price statistics;
   (h) Digital trade and e-commerce statistics;
   (i) Statistics on science, technology and innovation;

(j) Informal sector statistics;

(k) Environment statistics;

(l) Coordination of statistical programmes;

(m) Integration of statistical and geospatial information;

(n) Governance, peace and security statistics;

(o) Follow-up to the policy decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council.

5. Programme questions (Statistics Division).

6. Provisional agenda and dates for the fiftieth session of the Commission.

7. Report of the Commission on its forty-ninth session.

5. At the same meeting, the Commission approved the provisional programme of work and timetable of the session (E/CN.3/2018/L.1).

6. Also at the same meeting, the Commission invited the following intergovernmental organizations to participate as observers at its forty-ninth session: the Arab Institute for Training and Research in Statistics; the Bank for International Settlements; the Central African Economic and Monetary Community; the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa; the Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre; the Eurasian Economic Commission; the European Free Trade Association; and the Observatoire économique et statistique d'Afrique subsaharienne.

E. Documentation

7. The documents before the Commission at its forty-ninth session are available from https://unstats.un.org/unsd/statcom/49th-session/documents/.